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1. MISSION HAS DISCUSSED PROSPECTS FOR SEPTEMBER TCWP MEETING ON GOVERNMENT PURCHASING WITH SECRETARIAT (FAUDEMAY) WHO, FOR REASONS CONCERNING LACK OF PROGRESS IN EC, DESCRIBED REF B, IS NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE THEN. SO FAR, NO SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AGENDA OTHER THAN THOSE OF THE US HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND NO COMMENTS MADE ON US PROPOSAL, REF A. SECRETARIAT HOPES TO PUT OUT TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING BEFORE END OF JULY IF EC SUGGESTIONS ARRIVE SOON.

2. FAUDEMAY MENTIONED THAT, AS SECRETARIAT INDICATED AT LAST MEETING, A REPORT HAD BEEN MADE TO THE SECRETARY
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GENERAL CONCERNING THE LACK OF PROGRESS. THEY HAD THE

IMPRESSION THAT HE WOULD "DO SOMETHING" ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN TOO BUSY SO FAR TO GIVE THIS SUBJECT HIS ATTENTION. AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE DONE, SECRETARIAT VIEWS RUN ALONG LINE OF TRYING TO WRAP UP THE CODE AT AN EARLY DATE, IF NECESSARY BY ACCEPTING A MORE RESTRICTED FIELD OF APPLICATION WITH RESPECT TO ENTITIES AND/OR PRODUCT SECTORS, AT LEAST FOR A TRIAL PERIOD, AFTER WHICH THE NEED FOR BROADENING COULD BE CONSIDERED. FAUDEMAY THOUGHT THAT THE EC COMMISSION MIGHT HAVE SOME IDEAS IN THIS DIRECTION WHICH IT COULD PRESENT TO THE GROUP THIS FALL.

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